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Planning Committee Meets

Under the leadership of Rev. Serge Hummon, New York City, of the Board for Homeland Ministries, the Planning Committee of the conference has been meeting monthly. Composed of moderators of the Conference and of the Associations' Area Council, the Planning Committee reported to the Board of Directors on June 13. The committee stated that the Board of Directors would be the decision-making body, not the Planning Committee. Options will be presented later and the directors will need to make decisions regarding the future ministry of the Conference.

The following areas of concern were expressed.

- (a) Metropolitan Strategy
- (b) Association Enablers
- (c) Black Church Development
- (d) Town and Country Churches where most of our churches are.

Some questions are raised: The functions of the Conference and the staff needed to perform the mission of the Conference? What are some projects which local congregations can support? What financial support can be given the Conference from Board of Homeland Ministries and for how long? What can the local churches do to increase their ministries locally and throughout the world?

Suggestions and ideas would be welcome. Write the Conference office, Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

'How-To' Seminars For Pastors Held In June

Church work isn't getting any easier. Many pastors are looking for new approaches and emphases that will give freshness and relevance to their church programs in these changing times and difficult days.

The Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ and the Outreach Committees of the associations set up a series of seminars designed to

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Young Runs For Congress

Rev. Andrew Young, a minister of the Southeast Conference, member of First Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga., and formerly executive vice-president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is a candidate for Congress from the Fifth District.

One of the late Dr. Martin Luther King's closest associates, he has been associated with SCLC since 1961.

Associations Meet In October 1970

The following dates and places of the associations have been received by the Southeast Conference office. If there are errors, please notify the Conference office or the Association Moderator.

Association Meeting Dates:

North Alabama	Oct. 3, 1970
Arley, Robertson's Chapel	
S. Ala. - N. W. Florida	Oct. 10, 1970
Bonifay, New Effort	
Central Alabama	Oct. 11, 1970
East Tallassee Church	
East Alabama	Oct. 14, 1970
Lanett C. C. Church	
East Alabama	Oct. 15, 1970
Phenix City, Russell Woods	
Georgia - S. Carolina	Oct. 17, 1970
Macon, Ga., First Church	
Alabama-Tennessee	Oct. 24, 1970
Cullman, Ala., St. John's	

Show Us Where The Money Goes In Homeland Projects

Does the bulk of money spent for Church Extension by our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries go to far-out experimental ministries? How many projects meet the needs of racial and ethnic minorities? Are the projects primarily designed to help middle or upper-income communities?

Perhaps you have at one time or another asked such questions about the more-than-a-million dollar field budget of the UCBHM's Division of Church Extension. If so, the answer has always been hard to determine. Now, however, the answers to these and many other questions are available as the result of a recently completed computerized analysis.

The homeland project dollars spent by the board are almost evenly divided between help for local congregations (42.9%) and aid for other mission groups — community organization, community help, ministries of "presence" and the like — with the largest single type of program being support of new congregations which receive nearly a quarter (23.1%) of the total field budget.

In terms of the racial and ethnic groups' benefits of the board's projects, the largest percentage of the budget (34.8%) is for people who are basically white/Anglo-Saxon types. A significant percentage (14.6%) however, is for groups which are basically black or white and black (10.0%). And a significant proportion of the budget (8.8%) is for Indian Americans.

Importantly, the largest single portion of the budget goes to people who are below the poverty line (34.2%) and only a small amount (6.6%) is for persons whose income is \$10,000 per year and over.

Most of the money is spent in the developing suburbs (17.9%), but near-

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What Will Be The Results?

(Excerpts from a sermon by Rev. Donald P. Flick, pastor of the Church of the Savior, Knoxville. Tenn., June 7, 1970.)

The Billy Graham Crusade has come and gone. There were months of preparation for the event. Many of us signed petitions to get it here; most of us participated in it to one degree or another. The newspapers for the past two or three weeks have reported the activities to the fullest. From all indications, it was one of the best attended crusades ever held, with 10,000 people making a decision or renewing their decisions for Christ. As we turn our attention now to things other than the crusade activities, as commentators we need to pause long enough to say, "And now, the results!"

In the Book of Acts we read about Paul and Barnabas holding crusades for Christ in city after city. They preached, they healed, they challenged the deeply religious, and courageously faced persecution from the power structure of their day. After a couple of years we hear Paul saying to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the brothers in every city where we preached the word of the Lord, and find out how they are getting along." (Acts 15:36) In other words, "Let's see what changes have taken place . . . let's see how loyal these people have been to their decision to serve Christ . . . let's see what has resulted from great numbers being added to the church."

Such analysis of the situation by Billy Graham, or Paul or Barnabas is important because results depend upon the sincerity of our commitment, not upon the preaching of great messengers. Results depend not on Graham or Paul or Barnabas, but on us!

In Luke 9:28-36 there is a story of what the disciples found out about commitment, about being filled with God. It is the story of the Transfiguration. Jesus took James, Peter, and John to the top of a mountain with Him. There they saw Jesus changed before their eyes.

They wanted to remain on that mountaintop forever. Peter wanted to build three churches (tabernacles) right there to capture that moment forever and keep the excitement, the glow, the enthusiasm. But they did not

remain there . . . they could not. Life is not lived on mountaintops. It is lived among the hurts and tears, the needs and concerns of people. Life is not lived in a stadium listening to a Billy Graham; it is lived in the shop and on the street, in the schoolroom and on the battlefield, in the bedroom and around the kitchen table.

As the disciples came down the mountain their hearts were warm and their spirits bright, as if they had been in another world which could not be described to anyone. Then, before they reached the foot of the mountain they were confronted with anxious parents who wanted their child healed.

What had happened on the mountain was so wonderful as compared to the cries of sadness of this family. On the mountaintop they knew they were motivated to a new love for God in Jesus Christ, and they wanted to serve Him forever. What they needed to see now was the connection between that experience and the family holding the sick child. God was giving them a chance to fulfill their commitment. God was holding before them an opportunity to give evidence of their love for Christ by serving their fellowmen. "How long," Jesus then asks, "before you learn that promises are made on mountaintops, but life is lived in the valleys?" "How long", He asks us, "before the world will feel the results of your promises, of your commitment?"

I have real hope in the results of the Crusade just completed in our city in terms of turning the world in a new direction, for there were not twelve who made decisions for Christ, but 10,000, and added to this number are thousands of others who did not make the long walk to the platform, but who silently said:

"Here I am, Lord. Use me to bring the Good News of your love to a sick world!"

AND NOW THE RESULTS! What will they really be? What will those who committed or re-committed their lives to Christ do? As East Tennessee comes off of the mountaintop and faces the opportunities God places before us, what will the real results be?

Surely out of the 550,000 persons attending the Crusade there will be 10,000 so moved that they will work for better schools, better job opportuni-

ties for minority groups, better training and pay for policemen, closer co-operation among the agencies and churches of the area to bring about new understanding among all men called to serve a common Lord!

Surely we should not stop speaking about results without putting it in terms of dollars and cents. To be sure, over \$1,000,000 was spent listening to preaching and preparing for commitment. We should be able to expect several times that amount now to be spent ministering to the "child and family" with whom God confronts us as we come off the mountain. Personally, I'd settle for the \$1,000,000! Think what that could do!

— Run the new youth crisis center being opened in West Knoxville for 200 years at \$5000 a year!

—Build four centers to minister to cerebral palsy children!

—Pay the total operating cost at Eastern State Psychiatric Hospital for nearly two months!

I hope you will not feel that I am being sarcastic. What I am trying to say is that our commitment to God begins with a decision, a willingness to respond to His call in and through Jesus Christ, but that commitment is judged by our deeds. . . . by our willingness to sacrifice, to suffer, to labor each day in exciting new ways and even in dull, routine ways, for Him!

We can make a decision to build a building, but that doesn't say we will ever get to it!

AND NOW THE RESULTS! I know, and God knows, that there will be some fine results in this congregation and in others of our city from commitments recently made for Christ. I trust that all of us will always be opening our lives in order that the Spirit of God may enter anew, assuring us of entrance into His Kingdom. But I trust also that we remain aware, as we are filled with His Spirit, that such a wonderful gift as salvation requires responsible action . . . action motivated by the love with which we are filled!

Let us pray:

"Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me;

Melt me . . . mold me . . . fill me . . . use me!

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me." Amen.

A SUMMER DROUGHT

A summer drought not only has hit the South, but a summer drought of OCRM funds has hit the Southeast Conference. The Churches sent to the Conference during the first six months of 1970 a total of \$18,230.37.

\$2,193.26 of this amount was for One Great Hour of Sharing and cannot count as Basic Support. Therefore, approximately \$16,000, against a projected goal of \$55,000 for 1970, has been received during the first six months of 1970.

Salaries and annuities total better than \$13,000 during this time. In addition, there are such things as rent, travel, stationery, postage, aid to churches, expenses of meetings of the Board of Directors, committees, etc.

Consequently the Conference has not been able to operate without a deficit. Churches should remit monthly, or at least, quarterly OCRM gifts to the Conference office, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

Churches should now plan their giving for 1971, letting the Conference know what they expect to give to O.C.W.M.—then the Conference will have a better idea of operation expenses. National Instrumentalities need to know what they can count on as far as OCRM gifts are concerned in 1971. They have cut budgets to the minimum and in many cases have drawn upon resources given years ago by people in their legacies or in their lifetime.

40th Anniversary

For Langdale Church

Langdale Congregational Christian Church, Langdale, Ala., celebrated its 40th anniversary on June 7, 1970. Rev. Allen Hollis, Jr., is the pastor. The church was first gathered in 1893 and reorganized in 1930.

Homecoming services were also held on June 7, with W. J. Andes as speaker. The Wayfarers Quartet and several other groups brought special music. Lunch was served in the churchyard.

Wadley Thrift Shop Closed

The Wadley Thrift Shop has closed, according to an announcement by the Reverend A. R. Van Cleave, pastor of the Wadley, Alabama Church.

The Thrift Shop has been in operation since 1936 and has received donations from 179 churches in 27 states.

Summer-y Of Opportunities 1970 Offered

Registrations are being received for several summer events for juniors and middle and senior high young people.

MIDDLE AND SENIOR HIGH—Just two events remain: *Kumbayah Camp*, for those who will be in grades 7, 8 or 9 next year. This is a rather special camp for young people who could benefit from the religious and social experience of a camp setting, but who for family or financial reasons would be unable to participate in any program of this type. Your church may want to consider subsidizing a \$25 scholarship to Camp Kumbayah for a young person of special needs. The setting is Camp Anderson Creek, in North Alabama.

Also at Camp Anderson Creek is the *Senior High Camp* (for Middle and Senior High young people), to be held August 9-15. Directors will be Rev. James E. Humphrey, U.C.C., Huntsville, and Rev. Woody Finley, U.P.U.S.A., also Huntsville. As last year, the event will be "packed with creative learning experiences, recreation, and opportunities to make new friends"—all in all, an exciting adventure!

JUNIOR HIGH young people still have several opportunities for growing experiences: *Camp Ozone*, Tennessee: I. July 26-31; II. August 2-7; *Camp Anderson Creek*, North Alabama, August 2-8; *Roosevelt State Park*, August 9-15; *Dorchester Center*, August 2-8.

JUNIOR age children: *Camp Anderson Creek*: I. July 12-18; II. July 26-August 1; *Camp Ozone*: I. July 19-24; II. July 26-31; *Roosevelt State Park*, Georgia, August 9-15; *Dorchester Center*, Georgia, August 2-8.

Cost for all the Alabama and Georgia camps is \$25; cost for Tennessee camp is \$32.50. Registration Forms and further information are available from the Southeast Conference office, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Show Us Where . . .

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ly as much is being spent in the inner city (17.4%) and in small rural towns (16.7%).

It is particularly helpful to note that the greatest percentage of projects (71.3%) is administered by the UCC conferences. These projects, nearly 350 in number, are thus our joint responsibility, one in which the conferences have a significant part, and one in which all of us share.

George Washington At Liberty Grove Church

George Washington of Steele, Ala., will be the guest speaker in the revival services at Old Liberty Grove Church, Town Creek, Ala., the first week of August. Mr. Washington is the moderator of the North Alabama Association and a member of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Conference.

The pastor, Rev. Richard M. Waugh, has taken a leave of absence because of the serious illness of his wife.

5TH SUNDAY SING

The churches in Phenix City and Columbus met for a 5th Sunday Sing at the Russell Woods Church May 31st. 121 people overflowed the sanctuary.

Solos, duets, trios, quartets, group singing, youth specials, along with two trumpets and a saxophone, comprised the evening's program.

The next 5th Sunday Sing will be at First Church, Columbus, on August 30th at 7:00 p. m.

William S. Bryant is the pastor of the Russell Woods Church, Phenix City.

'The Prodigal'

O Lord, how shall I come to Thee,
Across these wasted years,
With nothing left to offer Thee
Except these bitter tears?

O Lord, I cannot see the way
That helps me Thee to find;
So long I've walked in wanton ways
Until these eyes are blind.

O Lord, how canst Thou enter in
And set this captive free?
My sin-sick soul would only be
Another Cross for Thee.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
"Behold! I freely give,
I walked the bloodstained way of grief
And died that you might live.

Come unto me! ye wretched blind,
Stand not outside the door.
The feast is spread! Come in today
And dwell forevermore."

—Homer C. McEwen, Pastor
First Cong'l Church
Atlanta, Ga.

Pastors Attend Schools

Rev. James Humphrey of Huntsville, Ala., spent three weeks at Interpreter's House, Asheville, N. C., this past spring.

Rev. Cliff B. Smith, Tallassee, Ala., will be at the Appalachian Regional School for Church Leaders, West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va., July 6-17, 1970.

Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, Atlanta, Ga., will be at Union Seminary, New York, July 13-17.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Flick, Knoxville, Tenn., will be sharing in a seminar on New Church Development at La Foret, Colorado, the last of July.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Andes will be at La Foret, Colorado, July 12-18, attending a Church Leaders Conference, composed of officers of the United Church of Christ, Conference Ministers and Instrumentality Executives. Their wives will share in the total life of the Conference.

Rev. Stephen Peterson of Nashville, Rev. K. C. Johnson and Rev. W. J. Andes, of Atlanta, attended a Church Family Finance Planning Conference at Philadelphia, June 24-27.

There may be others, but the above list is known at the moment.

'How To' Seminars . . .

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help pastors and laymen better understand OCWM (Our Christian World Mission) and its needs, as well as ways of presenting it to their congregations.

Leading these seminars was Karlton C. Johnson, regional secretary of the Stewardship Council. The following seminars were held:

June 4 — Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

June 5 — Langdale, Alabama

June 14 — Cullman, Alabama

June 21 — Atlanta, Ga. (Central Church)

Approximately 50 preachers and lay people were in attendance.

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Sioux Indian Reports On General Synod

Mrs. Helen Mountain of Little Eagle, South Dakota, reported to her Conference after attending the General Synod in Boston last summer as a delegate:

You are all probably wondering why I went to Boston. Our church has a big meeting once every two years and it lasts about 10 days. At the meeting there aren't any laws passed. General Synod doesn't boss us around. That isn't the United Church of Christ way. But the General Synod gets things done for the rest of us. And at General Synod some of us learn what the rest of us think.

You may wonder why I went. The reason is that Indians are an important part of the United Church of Christ. They said, "We want you to go to the same meetings as the rest of us because we want to hear what you have to say to us. You are part of us. You are as good and as important as the rest of us."

One of the nicest things that happened was that toward the last they made me go up to the platform. Dr. Hoffman told me they would ask me and Dan Parker told me not to be afraid. Bright lights were shining on me and cameras shooting pictures — they wanted to show me how glad they were a Sioux Indian was there. They gave me a sterling silver necklace — it has the UCC emblem on it; the circle stands for the whole world; the cross on top of it means that Christ died for the whole world, and God loves us all; the crown reminds us that we want Christ as king, ruler, the Itancan of all the world. A hand-made plaque from Winyan Ominiciye, the Women's Fellowship, is to hang on the wall of my church — the Messiah Church.

One day there was a memorial service for Douglas Horton — he was a famous man in favor of Catholics and Protestants working together. I can't tell you all about everything. We did elect Dr. Robert V. Moss, Jr., the next president of the United Church of Christ, we voted to give Racial Justice Committee \$500,000 in 1970, we asked to have more black people on committees, a committee on Theological Education was set up, we voted to have capital punishment abolished.

We don't claim to have known we were doing exactly what God wanted us to do, but we tried our best at Synod.

Uplands Center Aids Stranded Traveler

Martha Hubbard, Director of policy service of Investors Heritage Life Insurance Co. of Frankfort, Ky., had an interesting adventure returning alone from a vacation with her mother in Arkansas. She was caught in a snowstrom atop Cumberland Plateau in East Tennessee. It was dark and her headlights could not cope with the swirling downdrift of snowflakes. She pulled up at a tiny crossroads settlement on U. S. No. 70 and telephoned the sheriff at Crossville for suggestions.

The sheriff directed her to a nearby retirement complex for the elderly. They really gave a warm welcome to the way-faring stranger in distress: a bed in the apartment house, a hearty breakfast at the nursing home, plus a full measure of helpful friendliness.

Mrs. Hubbard's description of the adventure rang bells in my memory box. Questions quickly revealed that Mrs. Trout, her sister, and I had visited that same facility three weeks earlier. Without knowing it, Mrs. Hubbard had chanced into full-hearted hospitality at The Uplands Retirement Center, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, a magnificent retreat on thousands of scenic acres that is attracting retirees from all parts of the country. "Small World," I remarked, and Mrs. Hubbard agreed.

—From Allan M. Trout's
Weekly Journal

"Buddy" Noles In Columbus, Georgia

On July 1, 1970, Rev. Warner D. Noles began his ministry at the First Congregational Church, Norris Road and Norris Circle, Columbus, Ga. In June Mr. Noles graduated from Bangor Seminary, Bangor, Maine. During the past four years, while a student at the seminary, he served a church at Carmel, Maine.

Before going to Maine, he had served as pastor at Firist Church Phenix City, Alabama. It is good to have "Buddy" and his family back in the Southeast Conference.

The next two years will be busy ones in Columbus. Mr. Noles hopes to conclude his college work by attending Columbus College. First Church will be making a study of program and ministry so that they can better serve Columbus and the rest of the world in which we live.

Summer Plans For Circular Church, Charleston, S. C.

Church School classes will meet for special programs during June, July and August on an individual basis. Nursery and Kindergarten continue each Sunday during the morning worship.

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THE BUILDING FUND PROGRAM

The response to the Building Fund Program has been tremendous. The Building Fund Committee had set a goal of \$3,000.00 for the first year, and already pledges amount to \$3,539.00, with still a number of families yet to pledge.

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OUR COFFEE HOUSE MINISTRY

Our Coffee House, now under new management, will have David Wingard and Sharon LaMunion managing the project for summer. Each evening an adult counselor will be at the Coffee House. Adult members of the congregation and the community at large are encouraged to drop by any evening, talk to the younger generation, and share ideas and views.

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MILITARY SERVICE AND DRAFT COUNSELING

In cooperation with the Charleston Ministerial Association a military counseling center has been established at Circular Church. The purpose is to provide information and counseling to young men who have questions and problems regarding the various branches of service, the draft, and Selective Service regulations. Seven ministers from the greater Charleston Area have volunteered their services and will be available for individual counseling. In providing this service, cooperation will be sought with the Local Draft Board, the Selective Service System and recruiting officials.

The position of this center will be neutral and objective. It is neither for or against the war, draft, conscientious objection, or volunteer service. The Counselor will provide the information available and the choice of service is left up to the freedom of the individual.

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A WORK CARAVAN

Sixteen young people from the St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Redding, Pa., were in Charleston June 16-18, engaged in a work project within one of our underprivileged communities. Accompanied by their minister and youth advisor, they were "camping" in Lance Hall. The women of the church provided supper for them on Tuesday evening, June 16.

1970 Committees For The SE Conference

Moderator, W. R. Green, Jr., Huntsville, Ala.; Vice Moderator, Mrs. W. Walter Hall, Lanett, Ala.; Recording Sec'y., Mrs. Marrell Rhodes, Tallahassee, Ala.; Treasurer, Norris L. Connally, Atlanta, Ga.; Past Moderator, Homer C. McEwen, Atlanta, Ga.; Members-at-Large: Annie R. Campbell, Robbins, Tenn., John T. Enwright, Charleston, S. C., Mike Granish, Atlanta, Ga.

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EMPHASIS COMMITTEE—1970-1971 ("Crisis In The Nation")

W. R. Green, Jr., Huntsville, Ala.; David L. Beebe, Rome, Ga.; Miss Nancy Tucker, Crossville, Tenn.; Mrs. Paul J. Kingston, Charleston, S. C.; Frederick Jefferson, Atlanta, Ga.; C. Franklin Lewis, Montgomery, Ala.; James C. Jackson, Andalusia, Ala.

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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Donald B. Orander, Nashville, Tennessee; Matthew A. Dawson, Atlanta, Georgia; Terrell Shaddix, Lanett, Alabama; *James C. Jackson, Andalusia, Alabama; J. Hubert Richter, Cullman, Alabama.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

S. Lawrence Johnson, Birmingham, Alabama; Mrs. Myrtle Mickens, Atlanta, Georgia; Miss Theresa Edwards, Nashville, Tennessee; *Allen B. Hollis, Jr., Langdale, Alabama; Mrs. A. C. Curtright, Savannah, Georgia.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE:

H. Carey Brown, Nashville, Tennessee; John Heaman, Huntsville, Alabama; Henry C. Brown, Atlanta, Georgia; *W. Presley Ingram, Birmingham, Alabama; William H. Sharpe, Charleston, South Carolina; Mrs. A. D. Harry, Lanett, Alabama; Kevin Cox, Chattanooga, Tennessee; W. R. Green, Jr., Huntsville, Alabama (ex officio); W. J. Andes, (ex officio), Atlanta, Georgia; Norris L. Connally, (ex officio), Atlanta, Georgia.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE—1971:

*W. R. Green, Jr., Huntsville, Alabama; W. J. Andes, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Marrell Rhodes, East Tallahassee, Alabama; John J. Roemer, Nashville, Tennessee; David L. Beebe, Rome, Georgia; Newton S. Holiday, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee; Mike

Long Service Given By Rev. A. Calvin Nelson

Rev. A. Calvin Nelson, pastor of State Line, Five Points Church, has held 31 pastorates in the area of Southeast Conference. Licensed in 1926, and ordained in 1930 by Central Association near Clanton, Mr. Nelson has for 44 years served from one to seven churches at a time, and helped to bring about improvements or repairs in most of these churches.

He is grateful for the support and help of the Mission Boards, as loans and grants helped to build churches he served.

On August 9, State Line Church is planning its Homecoming Service, with W. J. Andes as speaker.

Minutes And Directory Mailed

The minutes of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference, April 25, 26, 1970, held in Wadley, Ala., and the directory of Conference Officers, Commissions and Committees were recently mailed to churches and pastors. If additional copies are needed, write The Southeast Conference, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

Granish, Atlanta, Georgia.

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE — 1970-1971

H. Paul Beaird, Lanett, Alabama; William Jackson, Atlanta, Georgia; *Arnold Slater, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Mrs. Carl N. Sanford, Atlanta, Georgia; W. R. Green, Jr., Huntsville, Alabama (ex officio).

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PLACE COMMITTEE

(1972 Conference)

*Miss Marguerite Davison, Demorest, Georgia; Millard Sims, Dacula, Georgia; Henry C. Weaver, Atlanta, Georgia.

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MEMOIRS COMMITTEE:

Olin E. Sheppard, Roanoke, Alabama.

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DELEGATES TO 1971

GENERAL SYNOD

Mrs. W. Walter Hall (2 years), Lanett, Alabama; Miss Nancy Tucker (4 years) Crossville, Tennessee; Andrew L. Cooper (4 years), Birmingham, Alabama.

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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

W. R. Winterbottom, Crossville, Tennessee; John T. Enwright, Charleston, South Carolina; W. Walter Hall, Lanett, Alabama.

NOTE: (*) indicates *Convenor*.

Given To O. C. W. M. In Basic Support Only January 13 - June 30, 1970

Churches To Study Plan Of Union

ALABAMA		
Alpine, King's Chapel	0	Buford, Duncan's Creek 25.00
Andalusia, Antioch	0	Crest, Hebron 0
Andalusia, First	0	Demorest, Federated 200.00
Arley, Robertson's Chapel	6.00	Doerun, New Light 0
Athens, Trinity	0	Doerun, Poplar Arbor 0
Birmingham, First	0	Douglas, First 0
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,366.18	Enigma, Christian 0
Brantley, Indian Creek	0	Gaillard, Pleasant Hill 0
Brantley, Liberty	0	Hampton, County Line 0
Caddo, Cong'l Christian	0	Jonesboro, Bonanza United 258.00
Clio, New Hope	100.00	Macon, First 0
Cullman, St. John's	0	Meansville, First 0
East Tallassee, C. C. C.	380.32	McIntosh, Midway 0
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel	0	Pearson, Union Hill 0
Garden City, Cong'l	195.00	Richland, First 0
Hackleburg, Fairview	0	Richland, Providence Chapel 0
Haleyville, Union Grove	0	Savannah, First 0
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	0	Thomasville, Bethany 0
Headland, Blackwood	79.60	Tifton, Vanceville 0
Houston, Liberty Hill	0	Waycross, Williams Chapel 0
Huntsville, United	0	Woodbury, Jones Chapel 0
Marion, First	0	* * * *
Midland City, Chr. Hill	0	KENTUCKY
Montgomery, First	0	Evarts, First 75.00
Montgomery, United	0	Stearns, Community 0
Moulton, Jones Chapel	0	* * * *
Mountain Creek, Union	0	MISSISSIPPI
Selma, First	9.00	Jackson, Ecu. Church 0
Seman, Community	0	Tougaloo, Union 175.00
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	0	* * * *
Talladega, United	0	SOUTH CAROLINA
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	125.00	Charleston, Circular 150.00
Town Creek, Old Liberty	0	Charleston, Plymouth 109.25
Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead	0	* * * *
EAST ALABAMA CHURCHES	3,638.42	TENNESSEE
* * * *		Belvidere, United 650.00
FLORIDA		Chattanooga, First 0
Baker, Good Hope	0	Chattanooga, Pilgrim 2,650.00
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	0	Crossville, First 250.00
Bonifay, New Effort	0	Daisy, Congregational 300.00
* * * *		Deer Lodge, Congregational 137.49
GEORGIA		Glen Mary, Congregational 70.00
Ambrose, Christian	0	Knoxville, First 500.00
Atlanta, Carroll Heights	0	Nashville, Brookmeade 0
Atlanta, Center	0	Nashville, First E & R 1,150.00
Atlanta, Central	3,025.00	Nashville, Fisk Union 0
Atlanta, First	1,300.00	Nashville, Howard 0
Atlanta, Rush Memorial	75.00	Pleasant Hill Community 540.50
Barnesville, Fredonia	150.00	Robbins, Barton Chapel 75.00
Baxley, Friendship	0	Sweetwater, First 168.00
Beachton, Evergreen	141.00	TOTAL 18,230.37
Bowman, Liberty	36.61	PLEASE NOTE: Churches of the East
Braselton, Macedonia	120.00	Alabama Association are not listed above
Bristol, Antioch	0	as their O.C.W.M. gifts are made through
		the Association.

Churches and pastors have recently received the Plan of Union approved for study of the Constitution by Church Union. The emphasis is on STUDY and REVISION. The Executive Council of the United Church of Christ voted the following:

"On behalf of the United Church of Christ the Executive Council receives with appreciation the First Draft of the Plan of Union, offered not for acceptance or rejection but for study and revision. We acknowledge the dedicated participation of our delegates to the Consultation in this ecumenical pilgrimage of the past decade. We recognize the historic impulses to unity and mission in the United Church of Christ and its commitment to be a united and uniting Church, reaffirmed by each General Synod since its beginning.

"What is sought at this stage is neither acceptance nor rejection of this First Draft of the Plan of Union. We support the Consultation in requesting that the individual churches and their members participate in careful study and revision for the further development of the Plan.

"It is hoped that at the 1972 Plenary Session of the Consultation, this revised Plan of Union may emerge. If approved for transmission, this revised Plan will then be returned to the member churches for their decisions.

"We therefore call upon all members, ministers, and leaders of Conferences and Instrumentalities and Commissions of the United Church of Christ to study and share responsibility in suggesting revisions of this First Draft of the Plan of Union. This process should take place in local and regional ecumenical settings.

"A major historic decision confronts the United Church of Christ as it does the other member Churches of the Consultation. We pray that God of all may now be the guide of all and reveal to all His will for His Church."

In addition to the First Draft of the Plan of Union, a statement entitled "Toward an Understanding of Local Autonomy," was also sent to the churches and pastors. This will help us as we dialogue on church union. Pastors will have addresses where additional copies of each of the above can be ordered.